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Amendment dated October 22, 2003
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (currently amended):** A method for marketing a good via a website having a website
2 address and permitting a seller to post information about said good thereon under a unique identifier,
3 said website further permitting a prospective purchaser to enter said unique identifier in order to view
4 said posted information, comprising the following steps of in the following order:

5 a) providing a physical sign having a preprinted thereon said website address, a space
6 for a said unique identifier, and an indication that a good is for sale or rent, said physical sign being
7 provided for sale purchase at a retail store,

8 b) a seller of said good purchasing said physical sign from said retail store,
9 c) providing a website located at said website address, said website permitting said
10 seller to post on said website under said unique identifier information about said good, said website
11 further permitting a prospective purchaser to enter said unique identifier in order to view said
12 information;

13 d) said seller conspicuously placing said sign physically on or adjacent said good for
14 sale or rent, wherein said unique identifier corresponds specifically to said good on said website; and

15 e) wherein, after purchasing said physical sign, said seller logs onto said website to post
16 said information thereon, and said unique identifier is being provided to said seller or entered by said
17 seller at said website in connection with said seller posting said information on said website, and

18 f) said seller conspicuously placing said sign physically on or adjacent said good for
19 sale or rent, wherein said unique identifier corresponds specifically to said good on said website.

1 **Claim 2 (original):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said unique identifier is preprinted on
2 said sign in said space for a unique identifier.

1 **Claim 3 (original):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said website provides said unique
2 identifier to said seller in connection with said seller posting said information on said website, thus

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3 permitting said seller to thereafter provide said unique identifier in said space on said sign.

1 **Claim 4 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said sign is provided with
2 a description of said good preprinted thereon.

1 **Claim 5 (original):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said sign is further provided with a
2 space to indicate a seller's personal contact information.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

1 **Claim 7 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said website is further
2 adapted to permit said prospective purchaser to browse a plurality of goods listed on said website by
3 category, and to view posted information therefor without reference to said unique identifier.

1 **Claim 8 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said website is further
2 adapted to permit said prospective purchaser to browse a plurality of goods listed on said website by
3 geographic location, and to view posted information therefor without reference to said unique
4 identifier.

1 **Claim 9 (original):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said sign has preprinted thereon
2 instructions to said seller about how to post said information about said good on said website under
3 said unique identifier.

1 **Claim 10 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, said method being adapted to
2 permit a purchaser of said good to make payment for said good directly to the seller or the seller's
3 agent.

1 **Claim 11 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, said method being adapted to
2 permit a purchaser of said good to make payment for said good to a provider of said website, after
3 which said provider will forward said payment to the seller of said good.

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1 **Claim 12 (original):** A method according to claim 11, wherein said provider charges a fee to said
2 seller in connection with said payment.

1 **Claim 13 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said sign is provided
2 with a container into which said seller can deposit a sheet of paper containing information about said
3 good.

1 **Claim 14 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 promoting said website to the general consuming public.

1 **Claim 15 (original):** A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of charging a fee
2 to said seller in connection with said posting of information on said website.

Claims 16-21 (cancelled)

1 **Claim 22 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said prospective
2 purchaser, upon viewing said sign, is informed by said sign of the following points:
3 i. that said good is for sale or rent;
4 ii. of said website address for said website; and
5 iii. of said unique identifier corresponding to information regarding said good on said
6 website.

1 **Claim 23 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 22, wherein said prospective
2 purchaser is informed of said points i-iii prior to logging onto said website.

Claims 24-25 (cancelled)

1 **Claim 26 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said good is a good for
2 sale.

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1 **Claim 27 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, said good for sale being an
2 automobile.

1 **Claim 28 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, said good for sale being real
2 estate.

1 **Claim 29 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, said unique identifier being
2 preprinted on said sign in said space for a unique identifier.

1 **Claim 30 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, wherein said sign is provided
2 with a description of said good for sale preprinted thereon.

1 **Claim 31 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, wherein said sign is further
2 provided with a space to indicate a seller's personal contact information.

1 **Claim 32 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, wherein said website is further
2 adapted to permit said prospective purchaser to browse a plurality of goods listed on said website by
3 category, and to view posted information therefor without reference to said unique identifier.

1 **Claim 33 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, wherein said website is further
2 adapted to permit said prospective purchaser to browse a plurality of goods listed on said website by
3 geographic location, and to view posted information therefor without reference to said unique
4 identifier.

1 **Claim 34 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of
2 providing a container into which said seller can deposit a sheet of paper containing information about
3 said good for sale.

1 **Claim 35 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of

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2 promoting said website to the general consuming public.

1 **Claim 36 (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 37 (currently amended):** A method according to claim 1, wherein, after step (e) (c), said
2 prospective purchaser views said posted information about said good on said website.

1 **Claim 38 (currently amended):** A method for marketing a good via a website having a website
2 address and permitting a seller who has a good for sale or rent to post information about said good
3 thereon under a unique identifier, comprising the following steps in the following order:

4 a) providing a physical sign for purchase by said seller, said sign having a preprinted
5 said website address preprinted thereon, a space for a said unique identifier, and an indication that
6 a good is for sale or rent,

7 b) selling said physical sign to a said seller who has a good for sale or rent, and
8 c) providing a website located at said website address, said website permitting said
9 seller to post on said website under said unique identifier information about said good, said website
10 further permitting a prospective purchaser to enter said unique identifier in order to view said
11 information,

12 wherein, after purchasing said physical sign, said seller logs onto said website and posts said
13 information theron, said unique identifier being provided to said seller or entered by said seller in
14 connection with said seller's posting said information.

1 **Claim 39 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 38, said physical sign having
2 preprinted thereon instructions to said seller about how to post said information about said good on
3 said website.

1 **Claim 40 (previously presented):** A method according to claim 38, said physical sign being offered
2 for sale at a retail store, said seller purchasing said sign at said retail store.